



MAMMOTH LAKES FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

VOTE!

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**~Ten members minimum are needed to vote on the Board of Directors slate below, so please mark your calendars and vote via Zoom (see Zoom info below):**  
**9/12/2023 at 1:00PM Zoom meeting (vote will occur in first 10 minutes)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84615170675?pwd=VUhvY290Qkl5OUFkOUt6M2traGZ4dz09>

Meeting ID: 846 1517 0675 Passcode: 762608

Or dial in: 669-900-9128

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### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

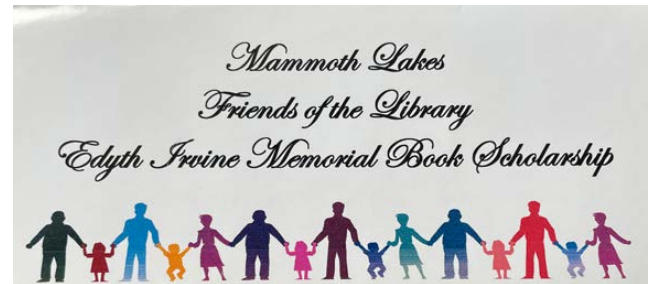
Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library will be considering the following slate of Board members for the fiscal year October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. This general meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, via Zoom. Zoom access – see above. The annual meeting for the installation of officers is scheduled for the October meeting. All meetings commence at 1:00 PM, voting will occur at the beginning of the meeting. Slate of candidates, alphabetical surname order, for 2023-2024 is:

- Jo Bacon,
- Brigitte Berman,
- Cathy Foye,
- Louise Warren,
- OJ Zeleny

Thank you to all of our qualified nominees for consenting to stand for election. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the

September meeting if the nominee is present, is qualified, and consents.



### MLFOL Edyth Irvine Memorial Book Scholarships Awarded

Knowing how much Edyth Irvine loved our youngest patrons as well as the hard work done by our graduating seniors, MLFOL sponsored a Book Give Away during June and also renamed our scholarships in her memory.

Three Mammoth High School students in the graduating class of 2023 were eligible for scholarships given by the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library to help cover their book purchases for their higher education.

Those students are:

- Natalie Partridge
- Lyla Rowley
- Samantha Sokol

The Book Scholarship budget was expanded for 2023. The MLFOL Board voted to award each student \$2000.

If you are a Mammoth High School student graduating in 2024, or if you know someone who is, keep in mind that the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library provides a book award to college-bound graduating seniors. Students who qualify have

- an active library card and have used it in the past year,
- attended MHS for at least 3 years,

- have a 3.0 GPA or have substantially volunteered at the library or in the local community with documentation to validate this volunteer activity.

For more information visit the MLFOL website ([monocountylibraries.org/friends-of-the-library/mammoth-lakes](http://monocountylibraries.org/friends-of-the-library/mammoth-lakes)) or contact us at 760-934-4777. Our email address is [mlfol@monocoe.org](mailto:mlfol@monocoe.org). You can also use this contact information to donate to MLFOL, become a member, or to begin participating as a volunteer.



Edyth Irvine – you are dearly missed!

In addition to the June book give-away sponsored by her friends, Edyth’s family honored her love of plants with a butterfly seed memorial card. Plant the butterfly and see what surfaces next spring!



The June book give-away in Edyth’s honor.

In addition to being an avid reader, Edyth was also an avid gardener, completing the UC Master Gardener program with a pollinator garden specific to the Eastern Sierra. Those who have attended the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade back in the day may recall that MLFOL would pull Radio Flyer red wagons filled with children’s books and giving them away to children lining the parade route. At her memorial, both loves were represented by a red wagon filled with flowers.



*“As a child, my number one best friend was the librarian in my grade school. I actually believed all those books belonged to her.” ~ Erma Bombeck*



## 2024 National Medal for Museum and Library Service Nominee

Somebody must like the Mammoth Lakes library in the office of Rep. Kevin Kiley as his office sent an email around July 20<sup>th</sup> to all constituents of California's 3<sup>rd</sup> District requesting they vote for one of six nominees. Hopefully you all saw it and voted for "Mammoth Lakes Library – Mono County." This medal is the nation's highest honor for libraries and museums. His office will announce which library will receive the nomination for the award, so watch for that email. Possibly it will be our little rural library!

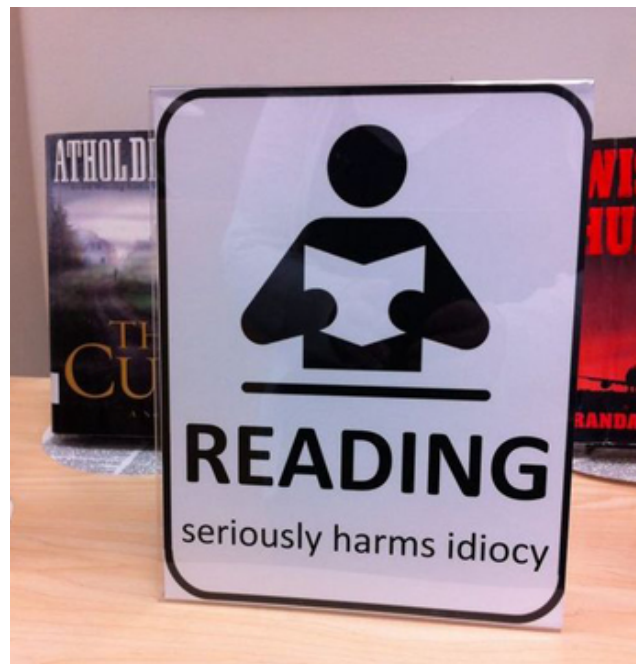


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### Vintage Books and Mini Book Chalet

This spring, we initiated a new wrinkle to our book selections within the Mini Book Chalet by adding some of our Vintage Books which hikers and other summer visitors might be interested in purchasing. We've dedicated a shelf to local interest/natural history titles.

These books are priced competitively with online prices, and sales are going well! Each of the titles is clearly marked as Vintage so that library staff can easily calculate the total cost of any patron's purchases.



### Endowment Update

We have subscribed, for the second year, to the Library Consortium Speakers Bureau, using Langston Endowment funds.

Many of our patrons are taking advantage of the archiving feature for these lectures and "tuning in" when it fits their schedule.

Thirty five sessions are archived so far. Some notable discussions from the past year include:

- Geraldine Brooks discussing "Horse"
- Bonnie Garmus discussing "Lessons in Chemistry"
- Zain Asher discussing "Where the Children Take Us"
- Simon Winchester discussing several titles

The archives can be found via this link --

<https://libraryc.org/monocolibraries> -- which is also where you register for upcoming live events. No library card needed, so you can share this link with family and friends, wherever they are.

*"Don't join the book burners. Don't think you are going to conceal faults by concealing the evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid to go into your library and read every book."*

*~ Dwight D. Eisenhower, 5-star General, 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States*



### **Brown Bag Book Club**

The book club met during June, July and August in person at the library, varying days of the week in hopes of accommodating more attendees. As in the past, books were provided by the library.

Participants are welcome to bring their lunch (hence the “Brown Bag” portion of the club’s name) though most are focused on the discussion so rarely bring their lunch.

Selections this summer were:

- “Remarkably Bright Creatures” – Shelby Van Pelt
- “Fire Keeper’s Daughter” – Angeline Boulley
- “The Violin Conspiracy” – Brendan Slocumb (audio version has snippets of the referenced classical music)

We’ll start up the book club again next June. Please keep track of the books that you read until then and submit those you enjoyed as book club candidates through our email: [mlfol@monocoe.org](mailto:mlfol@monocoe.org).



*Watch for your MLFOL membership renewal notice in September.*



### **Musical Story Times**

Due to scheduling challenges, the Musical Story Times were not presented until April 2023, whereas these sessions are usually offered in the fall and would have been reported in the Winter 2023 Newsletter.

The Library hosted 248 kindergarten, first and second grade students at the library for songs, a story interlaced with music, and a chance to try out a cello or violin in just the right size for these young students. The TK students were presented with a similar session in their classroom.

Kindergartners learned basic musical notes and about the string family of instruments. First graders met “Wolfie” Mozart and second graders learned about Johann Sebastian Bach.

Many thanks to Brian Schuldt and Rebecca Hang, who have been presenting these sessions since 2008!



## **To the dedicated and hardworking librarians of America:**

*(from the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States)*

In any democracy, the free exchange of ideas is an important part of making sure that citizens are informed, engaged and feel like their perspectives matter.

It's so important, in fact, that here in America, the First Amendment of our Constitution states that freedom begins with our capacity to share and access ideas—even, and maybe especially, the ones we disagree with.

More often than not, someone decides to write those ideas down in a book.

Books have always shaped how I experience the world. Writers like Mark Twain and Toni Morrison, Walt Whitman and James Baldwin taught me something essential about our country's character. Reading about people whose lives were very different from mine showed me how to step into someone else's shoes. And the simple act of writing helped me develop my own identity—all of which would prove vital as a citizen, as a community organizer, and as president.

Today, some of the books that shaped my life—and the lives of so many others—are being challenged by people who disagree with certain ideas or perspectives. It's no coincidence that these "banned books" are often written by or feature people of color, indigenous people, and members of the LGBTQ+ community—though there have also been unfortunate instances in which books by conservative authors or books containing "triggering" words or scenes have been targets for removal. Either way, the impulse seems to be to silence, rather than engage, rebut, learn from or seek to understand views that don't fit our own.

I believe such an approach is profoundly misguided, and contrary to what has made this country great. As I've said before, not only is it important for young people from all walks of life to see themselves represented in the pages of books, but it's also important for all of us to engage with different ideas and points of view.

It's also important to understand that the world is watching. If America—a nation built on freedom of expression—allows certain voices and ideas to

be silenced, why should other countries go out of their way to protect them? Ironically, it is Christian and other religious texts—the sacred texts that some calling for book bannings in this country claim to want to defend—that have often been the first target of censorship and book banning efforts in authoritarian countries.

Nobody understands that more than you, our nation's librarians. In a very real sense, you're on the front lines—fighting every day to make the widest possible range of viewpoints, opinions, and ideas available to everyone. Your dedication and professional expertise allow us to freely read and consider information and ideas, and decide for ourselves which ones we agree with.

That's why I want to take a moment to thank all of you for the work you do every day—work that is helping us understand each other and embrace our shared humanity.

And it's not just about books. You also provide spaces where people can come together, share ideas, participate in community programs, and access essential civic and educational resources. Together, you help people become informed and active citizens, capable of making this country what they want it to be.

And you do it all in a harsh political climate where, all too often, you're attacked by people who either cannot or will not understand the vital—and uniquely American—role you play in the life of our nation.

So, whether you just started working at a school or public library, or you've been there your entire career, Michelle and I want to thank you for your unwavering commitment to the freedom to read. All of us owe you a debt of gratitude for making sure readers across the country have access to a wide range of books, and all the ideas they contain.

Finally, to every citizen reading this, I hope you'll join me in reminding anyone who will listen—and even some people you think might not—that the free, robust exchange of ideas has always been at the heart of American democracy. Together, we can make that true for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Barack

**“You don’t take a photograph, you make it.” ~ Ansel Adams**

# **Eastern Sierra Photography Exhibit**



**The works of local photographers are on exhibit in the Ellie Randol Room at the Mammoth Lakes Library.**

**All photographs are for sale, with a portion of the sale benefitting the Mammoth Lakes Branch Library.**



**Exhibit runs through September 2023, during library hours of 10 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday and 10AM to 5:30 PM Saturday.**

**400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes. More Info: 760.934.4777**





“To pull books from a school library because of the discomfort they create in adults is a recipe for disaster. It erodes the trust young people have in the adults in their lives and pushes them to secrecy. It undermines the studied opinion of professional librarians and educators. It supports a false idea that there is one version of life that is acceptable. And, it denigrates the work of authors who are brave enough to name experiences that are difficult and real.”



Freedom to Read Foundation  
FREE PEOPLE READ FREELY

*Meg Medina*

**Meg Medina** is an American children’s book author of Cuban descent whose books celebrate Latino culture and the lives of young people. She is the 2023–2024 National Ambassador of Young People’s Literature. Medina is the recipient of the 2019 John Newbery Medal for her middle grade novel, *Merci Suárez Changes Gears*.

Medina has advocated more diversity in children’s literature, supported emerging authors, and worked in literacy initiatives aimed at the Latino community. She was a founding member of [We Need Diverse Books](#), serves on their Advisory Committee, and is a faculty member of the Hamline Masters in Fine Arts for Children’s Writing.

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